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Preliminary: U.S. Imports for Consumption of Steel Products July 2013

The U.S. Census Bureau announced today that preliminary July steel imports were **\$2.3 billion (2.2 million metric tons)** compared to the preliminary June totals of \$2.3 billion (2.2 million metric tons).

The July change in steel imports based on metric tonnage reflected increases primarily in hot rolled sheets and wire rods; and decreases occurred primarily in reinforcing bars. An increase occurred primarily with Brazil. A decrease occurred primarily with Mexico.

The year to date final statistics through June 2013 showed steel imports of 14.3 million metric tons compared with 16.0 million metric tons through June 2012. The largest commodity decreases occurred primarily in blooms, billets, and slabs. Increases occurred primarily in heavy structural shapes, standard rails, and tin plates. The largest country decreases occurred primarily with Russia and Canada. Increases occurred primarily with Mexico.

Notes:

The data in this report are preliminary and subject to revisions.

Analysis of recent months for steel product imports indicates the value of preliminary data should equal about 96 percent of the final value reported in the regular monthly trade statistics report. Preliminary data reported for individual steel categories and at the individual country of origin level have been less consistently predictive of the final data reported in the regular monthly trade statistics. For further details, visit the Foreign Trade Division web site at www.census.gov/trade. On the website, you can access product by country and country by product tables.

The next release is September 25, 2013.